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Mayor and Superintendent Announce Saint Paul Reads Citywide Book Club Books

By Steve Nelson

Saint Paul Public Library

Saint Paul's most illustrious
author gets a nod with this year's
selection in the Saint Paul Reads
Citywide Book Club.

Saint Paul Mayor Randy Kelly and
Superintendent Patricia Harvey
announced changes to the Saint Paul
Reads program and announced two
books: one for the Saint Paul Reads
Citywide Book Club and one for the
Saint Paul Reads Citywide Book Club
for Kids. Saint Paul Public Library
hosted the event in the F. Scott
Fitzgerald Alcove of downtown's
Central Library.

This year's selection aimed at
teens and adults is F. Scott
Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. The
selection aimed at middle-schoolers
and junior high readers is *The
Outsiders* by SE Hinton.

Themes of both books for 2004-
2005: "Hopes and Dreams; Insiders
and Outsiders."

Published in 1925, *The Great
Gatsby* is widely considered to be F.
Scott Fitzgerald's masterpiece. Born
in Saint Paul in 1896, Fitzgerald's
stories are full of references to Saint
Paul and the Cathedral Hill society.
Nick Carraway, the fictional narrator
in *The Great Gatsby* is from Saint Paul



Mayor Randy Kelly and Superintendent Patricia Harvey

and biographers note that the basic
idea for *The Great Gatsby* likely
originated in the resort community
around White Bear Lake in the early
20s.

SE Hinton's *The Outsiders* is cited
by many of today's most celebrated
teen authors as the book which made
their own work commercially viable.
It was among the first to talk about
teenagers whose goal is just survival
on the streets as opposed to getting a
date to the prom. This incredibly
popular book about teenage boys
was written in 1967 by a 16-year-old
girl named Susan Eloise Hinton. It is
still near the top of many of today's
teen reading lists.

"The Citywide Book Club is an
exciting program that brings our
community together to promote the
importance of reading," said Mayor

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Please print this for your co-workers. The City is continuing to save money by not producing printed
copies of the City Update, but still needs to communicate to all employees. Please help by printing this
newsletter (preferably back-to-back) for workers in your area who do not have computer access. Thank you.

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Kelly. "I'm excited to be a part of this important and fun program once again. What better gift to give this holiday season than one which encourages reading and sharing thoughts and ideas across generations?"

Saint Paul Public Library, The Friends of Saint Paul Public Library, and Saint Paul Public Schools are planning a full slate of events in and around February including many book discussions. To read or re-read these selections, purchase a copy at a local bookstore or check one out for free at any Saint Paul Public Library. You can check availability at the Central Library or your local branch through the web at www.sppl.org.

The Metropass Program is Extended for Another Year!

The employee cost of the Metropass will increase from the present (pre-tax) monthly rate of \$30 to \$35 effective December, 2004.

The increase is necessary to maintain the City contribution at the same level. The cost for the Metropass is \$64. As this is our sixth year of the program, we now pay for each Metropass instead of paying for a percentage of our available participants.

If you have any questions, please contact Teddi Hayes at 651-266-8808.



The 2005 New Employee Orientation Schedule is:

Dates: Wednesday, March 16
Wednesday, July 13
Tuesday, November 15
Time: 8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Location: Room 40B in the basement of the City Hall

For more information, go to: Human Resources SPnet site, click on Training. While you are there, also check out For New Employees.

Give the Gift of Membership

Tired of giving gifts that are outgrown, or tossed in the corner once their luster wears off? This year, give someone you know the gift of CCCU membership, and the start to a brighter financial future.

For kids, check out our Dino-Mite Saver's Club. They'll receive a savings kit, quarterly Dino-Bits newsletters, a free birthday gift, and invitations to our special kids' day event. When you open the account, you'll get a free ceramic bank with a deposit of \$25 or more.

The junior and senior high age students in your family will learn how to handle finances with our student services package. They're eligible for checking, ATM/Debit cards, and even a low limit Visa® Credit Card once they turn 18, or if a parent/guardian is joint on the account. Open a student account today and receive a free CD case.

Any blood relative is eligible to join, as well as anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Ramsey, Washington or Northern Dakota County. Questions? Call 651-225-2700 or 1-800-223-2801, or visit us at www.cccu.com.

City & County Credit Union is federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration.

Saint Paul Regional Water Completes Move to New Campus

About 115 employees from the Distribution Division of Saint Paul Regional Water Services transferred from the Hamline Yards site in the Midway area of Saint Paul to the new McCarrons Center in Maplewood on Friday, November 12th.

The consolidation of SPRWS offices and field operations into one central location is now complete. Of the nearly 260 employees, all but a few employees at our Vadnais Station are now located at the McCarrons Center. The consolidation will promote easier communication between employees, facilitate smoother workflow, and reduce redundancies—generally improving the efficiency of all operations.

The McCarrons Center, located on the same campus as the McCarrons Water Treatment Plant, is the site from which the utility has operated for more than a hundred years. An office building, a shops building including a meter shop and warehouse, and a garage for vehicle maintenance are part of McCarrons Center.

The new location is between Roselawn and Larpenteur avenues east of Rice Street, at 1900 Rice St., St. Paul, MN 55113-6810. If you have questions, please call Customer Service at 651-266-6350.



City job openings as of December 10, 2004

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
12/10/04	Fire Protection Engineer	\$2,040.16 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
12/13/04	Parks & Recreation Design Manager (prom)	\$2,528.58 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
12/20/04	Clerk-Typist III	\$1,159.40 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
12/21/04	Mechanical Inspector	\$32.64 per hr	See Job Ann

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: (651) 266-6500 or visit the web site: www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings. For jobs announced after December 7, please call our 24-hour job line, (651) 266-6502.